

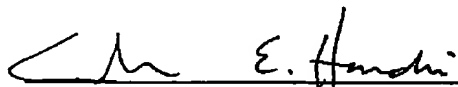
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on December 27, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Sequence Rule Compliance

The Examiner states that on "page 57 of the specification, lines 27 and 28, there are nucleic acid sequences without sequence identifiers." In response, Applicants have amended the specification to include the appropriate sequence identifiers. These nucleic acid sequences were already included in the previously submitted sequence listing as sequence ID numbers 11 and 12 even though the specification lacked reference to these sequence ID numbers prior to the current amendment. Therefore, there is no need for any replacement sequence listings to be filed with this response. Further, Applicants have reviewed the application and believe that the application is in compliance with the sequence rules. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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